

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I sometimes wonder if women who portray the "sweet dumb thing," who know nothing about sports, aren't overplaying the part.

I am thinking in particular of a football survey made by a college newspaper recently of its coeds who supposedly supplied such typically "cute" answers as describing a first down as "the first player tackled." I didn't see all of the answers, but I would imagine a "blitz" would be identified as a type of Jewish pastry instead of what the quarterback suffers every Sunday.

Mind you, I'm not saying that there's anything wrong with trying to act like a girl out of a Dorothy Parker short story who is seeing her first Harvard-Yale football game. But that was back in the 1920s. I don't see how it's possible in an age of football double-headers on television for a smattering of football acumen NOT to rub off on even the most reluctant of "trapped housewives."

Of course, I would have to qualify this household as being more sports-oriented than others. How many families do you know, where the kids refer to the snacks they eat before dinner as the "warm-up show"?

Which brings up a point, because I am forever questioned how our one boy, Brian, survives in a household of six sisters. They envision, I would imagine, someone in a Buster Brown collar and velvet pants who likes to play with dolls. But just the reverse occurred: Brian has taught his three youngest sisters to play a pretty fair game of football. "Headsup ball" I believe it is termed.

Jan, for instance, has been described by Brian as being a "good ball-hawk" in that she she is very good at recovering fumbles; Sharon shows "great pursuit" in the line and Diane has shown that she has "good hands," not for playing the piano — but for pass receiving in the pick-up games they play in the living room. (Pick-up because that's what I have to do afterwards.)

However, I'm going to have to de-emphasize sports around here, because I just don't think it would be wise for the girls in this family to know too much about football or other sports either. After all, you don't catch a husband by impressing him with your knowledge of the split T and the double wing.

Entertains At Bridge Party

Mrs. Jay V. Neilsen was hostess at a Christmas, potluck luncheon and bridge party Thursday afternoon at her home, 2083 Reynosa Drive.

Guests brought their favorite holiday dishes and the recipes for exchange. The afternoon was spent playing bridge.

A gift exchange around the decorated Christmas tree concluded the afternoon.

Mrs. Neilsen's guests were Mmes. Grace Wright, Barney Lassere, George Blahnik, Robert Moffitt, John Agapito, Stanley Yanase, Norman Derby, Rose Shrader, Jean De Fussi, Darrell Lanham, Jerry Snyder, Wayne Kimbell and Wilbur Williams.

B'nai B'rith Hanukkah Set Wednesday

Southview Chapter B'nai B'rith Women have invited their husbands to join them for a Hanukkah Party on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, at the Temple Menorah Gold Room.

Joining with the chapter in staging the party will be the B'nai B'rith Men's Group of the South Bay area.

The program for the evening will include two hypnotists from the Ethical Hypnotist Society of California.

There will be door prizes and refreshments, in keeping with the Hanukkah season, will be served.

Dianas Aid Health Center With Drive

Members of the Redondo Beach Dianas addressed 1,100 envelopes for the South Bay Children's Health Center in Redondo Beach. Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mental Health chairman, said the envelopes contained brochures asking for community support for their foundation.

The South Bay Children's Health Center commemorates its 20th anniversary this year. The Center subsidizes a Dental Clinic, and operates diagnostic Ophthalmological, Ostological and Audiometric Clinics.

Through special services the Center has provided refractions and glasses, medical examinations, advice and treatment, x-ray and hospital care, orthodontia; supplying of prostheses, appliances and drugs. With more than 20,000 children having received help from the Center, the past 20 years have been well spent.

Club Party

Mrs. Eugene Cook entertained her bridge club at a Christmas dinner party Thursday evening at her home.

Dinner was served at tables festive in the holiday decor and a gift exchange was held around the Christmas tree. An evening of bridge followed.

Attending the party were Mmes. M. A. Bauman, W. C. Boswell, Paul Loranger, John Melville, Mel Millar, Dean Sears and Delbert Thomsen.



Decorate Hospital Lobby

The spirit of Christmas moved into the lobby of the Harbor General Hospital on Monday when members of the Torrance YMCA Leaders Group, and Y-Indian Guides, assisted by two of the hospital's Candy Strippers decorated a tree. Adding the bit of joy are, from left, Kelli Ennis, a Candy Stripper, David Jean S. Indian Guide, Debbie Felder, Candy Stripper; Larry Loy, Robbie Alves and Gary Hopkins, members of the Y Leaders Group.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Moose Women Stage Gala Holiday Dinner

Torrance Women of the Moose held their annual Friendship Christmas Dinner at the Moose Hall, 1744 Carson St., on Dec. 2. Mrs. Roy Smith, chairman of the Friendship Committee, was in charge of the affair which honors all second degree friendship members of Chapter 44. These members have been either elected officers or appointed committee chairmen and have fulfilled all requirement and duties of their offices.

Main objective of the Women of the Moose is to assist Mooseheart, a home for dependent children in Aurora, Ill., and Moosehaven, a home for the helpless and aged at Jacksonville, Fla.

Evergreens, Christmas trees, and Santa and his sleigh decorated the hall for the dinner. On the tables were hurricane lamps and poinsettia bouquets. The traditional turkey dinner was served by Mrs. Roy Smith and her committee, Mmes. Robert Stewart, Melvin Coates, Rom Walls, Velma Kent and Helen Benton.

After the dinner, a gift

exchange was held, followed by a fashion show. Modeling were Mmes. William Straille, F. S. Hawthorne, and Robert Smith. Assisting were Mrs. Robert Stewart and Mrs. Melvin Coates.

The affair honored members who have received their friendship rings, Mmes. Joseph Marley, Traverse Schinke, Bill Straille, Paul Germaine, Thomas Walls, James Baudin, Doug Dixon, Art Galinsky, B. E. Fink. Others were Carolyn Stewart, Pat McRhee, Lucille Myer, Cora Hill, Jessie Kloppeberg, Mary Cacic, Barbara Smith, Velma Kent, Helen Benton, Martha Evans and Anna Wilkins.

Honored guests were Joseph Marley of Lodge 785, past governor; Mrs. Joseph Marley, senior regent of Chapter 44; and Governor and Mrs. Traverse Schinke.

New England Guest

Mrs. Beatrice Lord of New Bedford, Mass., will arrive Dec. 21 to spend the winter months here with her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Akers, 5118 Laurette St.

Dr., Mrs. Bingham Hosts to Family

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Bingham, Robin and Larry, will entertain Mrs. Bingham's family at a Christmas dinner party Saturday evening at their Engracia Avenue home.

Gathering for the holiday celebration will be Mrs. Bingham's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lehman, San Fernando; a nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lehman and sons, Teddy and Troy, San Fernando; a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Green, Debra and Doug, Canoga Park; a niece, Mrs. Dorothy Foss of San Fernando, a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Reddington, Helper, Utah; and Mrs. Bingham's father, B. N. Reddington of Torrance.

Volunteers Needed to Make Real Holiday Gift

Requests for volunteer help of many kinds are coming in to the Volunteer Bureau, South Bay-Harbor. Social service agencies in the area are busier than ever at this season and they need more people for office work, sewing, assistance in health centers and driving patients to hospitals and doctors' offices. Some are "one time" or "on call" jobs. Others are regularly

scheduled assignments for as long as volunteers wish to help. Call the Volunteer Bureau, South Bay-Harbor, 2008 W. Carson St., Torrance, for more information on how to make a priceless holiday gift to your community — a little of your time.

Day Home Setting for Club Party

Mrs. Jack Day and Mrs. Richard Beecher entertained their bridge club at its Christmas party last Wednesday evening at the Day home, 2607 W. 182nd St.

Champagne was served during the evening when a gift exchange was held around the Christmas tree. A "white elephant" exchange provided fun.

At the conclusion of the bridge games, high score was held by Mrs. Donald Moore with Mrs. Lorin Voien, second.

At midnight, a Christmas buffet was served.

With the hostesses for the evening were Mmes. Lee Allen, Robert Waddell, J. Nichols, Lloyd Buetgenbach, Donald Moore and Loren Voien.

Mrs. Voien will entertain the club at its first meeting of the new year.

Here For Holidays

Mrs. Alta Priest of San Leandro will arrive next weekend to spend the holidays here with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Priest, 5124 Laurette St.

Will Vacation At Twin Peaks

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Day and family of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Hector Tarquin and family of Wilmington will leave the day after Christmas for the Days' cabin at Twin Peaks, near Arrowhead. The group will remain at the resort until after New Year's Day.

Juniors to Decorate Rose Float

Mrs. Jerry Kreutz, Fine Arts chairman, for the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, announces that many Juniors and their husbands will be working on the decorating of the Torrance Rose Parade Float entry over the New Year holiday weekend.

Flowers, glue and many, many hands from citizens throughout the Torrance area will be busy completing this beautiful float entry.



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Christmas is a treasure. Some are robbed of it by material concerns and a hectic social schedule. Others keep it in their hearts all year long through unselfish deeds.

Last year the home of the caretaker at the Empty Saddle Club in Rolling Hills Estates was gutted by fire, leaving him, his wife and five children with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Within 24 hours the club members and neighbors had set them up in housekeeping in the club house. But it didn't stop there. Since then, the 50-member club has spent countless weekend hours rebuilding the house with their own hands. This kind of giving is the essence of the Christmas spirit. It is a gift of heart and hands, a gift of self.



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